GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – De-silting of Minor Irrigation Tanks – Permission to the farmers for excavation and transportation of silt at their own cost for Non Commercial purposes – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (CADA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No.203 **Dated: 12-05-2025**
Read the following:

1. Government Memo No. 10444 / CAD.1 / 2014-12 Dt. 11-2-2015
2. G.O. Ms. No. 29, I&C (Mines-IV) Dept Dt. 1-4-2015
3. G.O. Ms. No. 40, Water Resources (CADA) Dept Dt. 21-5-2018
4. G.O. Ms. No. 74, Water Resources (CADA) Dept Dt. 14-10-2019
5. G.O. Ms. No. 209, Water Resources (CADA) Dept Dt. 15-6-2021
6. G.O. Ms. No. 2026, Water Resources (CADA) Dept Dt 6-10-2022

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, Government have accorded permission to the private people who are coming forward to remove silt from the tanks / reservoirs with their own cost with certain conditions

2. In the reference 4th read above, Government have issued amendment orders, wherein amendment (i) says it is limited to farmers instead of Private people and the amendment (iv) says orders shall be valid for one year and a decision would be taken for continuation after thorough review, if required.

3. In the reference 5th read above, Government have re-validated the orders issued in G.O. 4th read above for a further period of one year i.e.,from 14-6-2021 to 13-6-2022.

4. In the reference 6th read above, Government have re-validated the orders issued in G.O. 4th read above for a further period of one year from the date of issue of the orders i.e., from 6-10-2022 to 5-10-2023.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby accord permission to farmers who are coming forward to remove silt from tanks/ reservoirs with their own cost, with the following conditions:-

(i). The farmers shall be allowed to take silt from tanks / reservoirs at their own cost on appropriate requisition being made to the Executive Engineer concerned and after obtaining specific approval from the Executive Engineer, for non-commercial purposes.

(ii). The Technical guidelines and precautions to be taken while taking up de-silting of tanks prescribed in Annexure to the Government Memo issued in the reference 1st read above shall be followed.

(iii). Pits shall not be at such depth as would expose porous strata and at any rate more than one meter.

(iv). Earth shall not be carried along the bund unless the bund is a road or cart track.

(v). Bunds shall not be cut to enable carts to pass.

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(vi). Silt removed shall not be stocked in tanks beds, bunds and slopes of bunds.

(vii) Carts shall not touch any portion of the revetment, sluice or any other masonry works of the tanks and cause damage to the them.

(viii). Refundable caution deposit shall be collected from the farmers at the rate of Rs.1/- per one cubic meter of silt by the concerned Executive Engineer for the quantity requisitioned towards security against incidental damages caused to the tanks / reservoirs during de-siltation process. If any damages are noticed to the tanks / reservoirs during the de-siltation process, the same shall be rectified by the concerned farmers at their own cost and the caution deposit collected shall be refunded to the concerned farmers only after satisfactory rectification of damages.

(ix). The farmers shall be allowed to lift the silt from the beds of the tanks/reservoirs on free of charge basis, i.e., without any seigniorage charges as per the Government Orders issued in reference 2nd read above, for non commercial purposes, as de-silting is regularly required to maintain the storage capacity as well as utility of tanks.

6. The Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation, Vijayawada
The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Water Resource Department, Vijayawada
The Engineer-in-Chief (IW/AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada
All the District Collectors in Andhra Pradesh.
The Director, Ground Water & Water Audit Department, Vijayawada
The Commissioner, Rural Development, Suryarao Peta, Vijayawada
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Aranya Bhavan, Guntur District.
The Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department.
The Director, Agriculture Department, Guntur.
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SECTION OFFICER